

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 were pending in the application at the time the present Office Action was mailed. Claims 21-25, 27-28, 30, 33-38, and 41 are amended by this response; claim 29 is cancelled by this response; and claim 42 is added by this response. Accordingly, claims 1-28 and 30-42 are pending.

The applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for his consideration during a telephone interview completed on July 27, 2005. During that telephone interview, the applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed differences between pending independent claims 21 and 34 and U.S. Patent No. 6,292,166 ("Palmer"). Further details relating to the interview are provided below. Should the Examiner require additional details relating the interview, the applicant's representative encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

The Office Action rejected claims 21-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Palmer. As discussed during the telephone interview, Palmer neither teaches nor suggests examining color depth capabilities of all conference participant computing devices, which is a feature that is recited by all pending independent claims. Nevertheless, the applicants have amended the independent claims to more particularly claim their invention. In particular, the applicants have amended the independent claims to recite that the examining occurs at a server or host. The Examiner agreed during the telephone interview that the independent claims, as amended, overcome the Palmer reference.

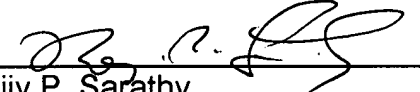
The applicants have also amended some claims to more particularly claim their invention.

Based upon these remarks and amendments, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any

questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-6478.

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